

underscored or in italics or typed or printed completely in capital letters and all matter to be eliminated from the existing charter, if any, shall be indicated in its proper place by enclosing such matter in double parentheses or in boldface brackets. Where the subject matter consists of an entirely new section or sections the words of such new section or sections shall also be underscored or in italics or typed or printed completely in capital letters or contain some marginal or other notation to that effect. When the purpose of any proposal is to repeal in entirety any section or sections of the existing charter, the matter intended to be repealed need not be written out in full and enclosed in either double parentheses or boldface brackets.

(b) The resolution to amend a charter shall identify the source of the existing section or sections, citing the code or other publication or amendment in which appears the most recent text of the section or sections to be amended.

(c) Amendments to the charter of any municipal corporation shall be in a consecutively numbered series.

(d) The resolution to amend a charter shall provide specifically (and not simply by implication) for the repeal of any section or sections of the existing charter which are inconsistent with the amended section or sections.

(e) A proposal to amend a charter, whether initiated by the legislative body of the municipal corporation or by a petition of qualified voters of the municipal corporation, may not be rescinded after its adoption by the legislative body or after its formal submission in a petition, in any manner other than that of another charter amendment.

(f) At the time a charter amendment or amendments become effective by reason of having been ordained or passed by the legislative body of the municipal corporation, or at the time of making public proclamation as to the vote on any question containing a proposed charter amendment or amendments which have been adopted, the mayor or other chief executive officer of the municipal corporation shall send the information concerning the charter amendment or amendments to the Department of Legislative Services as provided in § 9A of this article.

[(g) The charter amendment or amendments are not effective and shall not be applied or considered as if effective, unless and until it or they have been registered as required in subsection (f) of this section.]

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(e) At the end of each calendar year the Department of Legislative Services shall address an inquiry to each municipal corporation inquiring whether or not during that calendar year or its latest fiscal year it has enacted, amended or repealed any portion of its municipal charter. The municipal corporation shall promptly answer the inquiry and shall verify, BY A SIGNED AND NOTARIZED STATEMENT, that copies of all such enactments, amendments, or repeals have already been sent to the Department.